Collection Summary
Title: John Carvel Arnold Papers
Span Dates: 1856-1937
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1864-1875)
ID No.: MSS11205
Creator: Arnold, John Carvel, 1833-1865
Extent: 190 items; 1 container; .4 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Summary: Laborer and Union soldier. Principally correspondence of Arnold with his wife, Mary Ann, while he served in the 49th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment during the Civil War, and Mrs. Arnold's postwar correspondence with their children.

Selected Search Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Arnold family--Correspondence.
Arnold family.
Arnold, Carrie E. (Carrie Emillia), 1863-1945--Correspondence.
Arnold, Edwin S., 1856-1923--Correspondence.
Arnold, Grant S. (Grant Snoke), 1860-1905--Correspondence.
Arnold, Idabell, 1858- --Correspondence.
Arnold, John Carvel, 1833-1865.
Arnold, John S. (John Sheridan), 1865- --Correspondence.
Arnold, Mary Ann, 1833-1911--Correspondence.
Arnold, Mary Ann, 1833-1911.
Arnold, Mary M. (Mary Mildred), 1862-1921--Correspondence.

Organizations
Confederate States of America. Army.
McAlisterville Soldiers' Orphan School.
United States. Army
United States. Army--Pay, allowances, etc.
United States. Army. Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment, 49th (1861-1865)

Subjects
Copperhead movement.
Education--Pennsylvania.
Peace movements--United States.
Schools--Pennsylvania--McAlisterville.

Places
Maryland--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
McAlisterville (Pa.)--History.
Pennsylvania--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
Pennsylvania--Social life and customs.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Campaigns.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Protest movements.
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Women.
Virginia--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.

Titles
John Carvel Arnold Papers
Administrative Information

Provenance
The papers of John Carvel Arnold, laborer and Union soldier, were given to the Library of Congress by J. R. Arnold in 1937.

Processing History
The John Carvel Arnold Papers were processed circa 1970. The finding aid was created in 2014.

Copyright Status
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Online Content

Preferred Citation
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Biographical Note

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<td>Born, Union County (later part of Snyder County), Pa. (Some sources list Arnold's birth year as 1831)</td>
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<td>1856, Aug. 3</td>
<td>Married Mary Ann Snoke (1833-1911)</td>
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<td>1856, Nov. 12</td>
<td>Son Edwin Arnold born (died 1923)</td>
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<td>1858, Aug. 23</td>
<td>Daughter Idabell Arnold born</td>
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<td>1860, Mar. 18</td>
<td>Son Grant Arnold born</td>
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<td>1862, Jan. 3</td>
<td>Daughter Mary Arnold born</td>
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<td>1863, Nov. 8</td>
<td>Daughter Carrie Arnold born</td>
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<td>1864, Feb.</td>
<td>Enlisted as a private, Company I, 49th Pennsylvania Infantry</td>
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1865, Mar. 10  Promoted to corporal
1865, Apr. 6  Killed in action at Sailor's (or Sailors, Sayler's) Creek, Va.
1865, Dec. 4  Son John S. Arnold born

**Scope and Content Note**

The papers of John Carvel Arnold (1833-1865) span the years 1856-1937, with the bulk of the material concentrated in the period 1864-1875. The collection consists principally of correspondence of Arnold with his wife, Mary Ann, while he served in Company I, 49th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment, and in which he records his views on the military situation in Virginia and Maryland (1864-1865), the Copperheads, the rebels, army rations and pay, family finances, and her problems of maintaining a home and educating the children. The correspondence between Mary Ann Arnold and her children dates primarily from the time of the children’s attendance at the McAlisterville Soldiers’ Orphan School after the Civil War. Mary Ann Arnold was unable to write, thus none of the correspondence in the collection is in her own handwriting.

**Arrangement of the Papers**

This collection is organized by type of material.
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